Need to Start a Kendriya Vidyalaya Under NTPC Administration

†3126. SHR1KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an ample need to open a Kendriya Vidyalaya under the 800 Megawatt ambitious and Multi-purpose Kol Dam Power Project Administration in Bilaspur District of Himachal Pradesh as the project is to be set up by NTPC;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the Ministry in this regard and by when, Kendriya Vidyalaya at the said place will be opened; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRTMATI JA Y A WANTIMEHTA): (a) to (c) Opening schools at the project area of NTPC primarily depends upon the need of its employees. Considering the man power profile of NTPC's Kol Dam Hydro-electric Power Project and the strength of school going children of its employees, NTPC do not envisage setting up Kendriya Vidyalaya at Kol Dam project at present.

NTPC Projects in Tamil Nadu

3127. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up projects of NTPC in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the measures being taken by Government in this direction; and

(c) if not, whether Government consider setting up of a NTPC plant in Tarn il Nadu to tide over the acute electricity problems in summer?

THE MWISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYA WANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) A coal based coastal power project at Cheyyur in Tamil Nadu was identified as a Mega Power Project for implementation by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). NTPC had accordingly taken up necessary survey, investigations and studies for 1000 MW Cheyyur Super Thermal Power Project (STPP) Stage-I, in Kanchipuram district of Tamil Nadu. Necessary confirmation for land and coal availability were also obtained by NTPC. The proposal, however, cannot progress further as key clearances, namely, Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance from Tamil Nadu Government and

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